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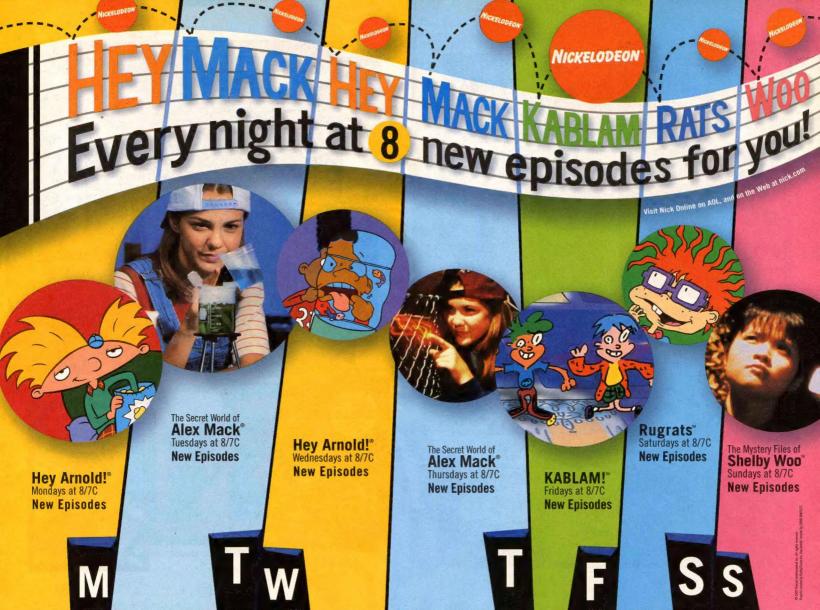










































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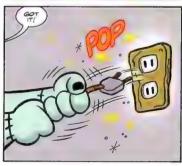




























## LETTERS Heyl We got some mail! It's their perents to

ney! we got some main its not the very first letter we've ever received at The Flintstones and The Jetsons (as you know if you played "Find the Fakes" with us in issue #2). but it's one of the first—and it's a good one!

Stephen "Steve" G. Baer (a.k.a. "STE") Framingham, MA

Dear Editor,

Here it is:

The Flintstones and The Jetsons #1 is, that I know of, the third way that the Flintstones meet the Jetsons. The first was in 1977, in The Flintstones #4 (by Marvel Comics Group), when George Jetson ended up back in the Stone Age. The second way was in 1987 on TV, in a TV movie called The Jetsons Meet the Flintstones.

P.S. How about adapting Top Cat, which is a parody of Sgt. Bilko, as The Flintstones is of The Honeymoners. (I only found out that first thing last Christmas time on the radio.)

Thanks for your letter, Stephen, Steve, Ste—Actually, though, the Flintstones and the Jetsons didn't meet in FJJ #1. Instead, Fred and Berney met a distant ancestor of George Jetson in the Stone Age, and then George met a very distant Space Age descendant of Fred's. So I guess the Flintstones and the Jetsons have really only crossed paths two times so far.

And we liked your idea about adapting Top Cat so much that—we've already done it! In Cartoon Network Presents #1, the "Dexter's Laboratory" issue, there was a Top Cat backup



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annology (title, So you never know what you'll find in it! Upcoming issues will feature Cow & Chicken, Dasterdly and Muttley, Huckleberry Hound, and—because you asked for it—Top Cat. (Yay!)

Now, Stephen-Steve-Ste. how do you find Cartoon Network Presents and DC's other Cartoon Network comics? Well, obviously you found The Flintstones and The Jetsons #1 somewhere or you wouldn't be writing to us. So try your local comics shop or newsstand. If you don't know where your local comics shop is, call 1-888-2664-226. (That's the same as 1-888-COMIC-BOOK.) It's a free call, and some nice person on the phone will tell you where to find a comics retailer near you.

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subscription hotline at 1-800-887-6789. From your letter, Stephen-Steve-Ste, I'm guessing you're not exactly a kid, but kids should get



So that's it for our letter this month. Where! If we had more reader letters! could write shorter answers, and that would be a good thing. So write to us! Tell us what you like (or don't like) about our comics, or ask questions, or send pictures you've drawn of Fred, Wilma, Barney, Betty, or Dino. Send your letters to:

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## NEXT ISSUE

Yabba-Dabba-Dodol Fred and Barney go hunting for a Thanksgiving feast, featuring that raditional holiday bird the dodol (Yuml) Meanwhile, the Jetsons answer the question: Mr. Spacely—Boss, or Monster? Or weird wee space alien from another galaxy? Or just a cranky little men? Or what?

And remember—This month's Cartoon Network Presents is the special Toonemi issue, featuring Birdman and the Herculoids! Look for it—it rocks!

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## Halloween all about?

Halloween is a non-religious holiday that is celebrated just for fun, but it began a long, long time ago as a very different kind of festival.

People in the United States observe three different kinds of holidays. The first kind is religious holidays, like Christmas, Yom Kippur, and Ramadan, Another kind of holiday is the national holiday, a holiday that celebrates something special about our country, like Independence Day, Presidents' Day, Martin Luther King Jr. Day, and Thanksgiving.

The third kind of holiday is called a secular holiday. That means it's a special day that people observe, but not as much as the other kinds of holidays. For instance, on religious and national holidays schools close down and people usually don't go to their regular jobs, but a secular holiday-like Halloween-might be celebrated just by having a party after the regular day is over. Even though our Halloween is a secular holiday, it began over 2000 years ago as a religious celebration. The ancient Druids, who were the priests of some European people called the Celts, held a three-day new

year's festival in late autumn. Because this was the time of year when cold and darkness began, the first night of the festival honored the Celtic god of death, called Samhain. The Celts believed that on this one night Samhain allowed all the spirits of the dead to return to their homes on earth. This is how ghosts and spooks became associated with one night in late October.

The Romans conquered the Celts in the First Century A.D. and ruled over them for about 400 years. During that time two Roman holidays got combined with Samhain. One was a festival that the Romans held in late October to honor the dead; the other was the religious harvest festival that honored the goddess Pomona, who ruled over fruit and trees. Even now, 1500 years later, apples-as in caramel apples, cider, or bobbing for apples-are still associated with Halloween.

The Celts were some of the first people to convert to

Christianity, but even though they were good Christians some of their pagan customs survived in their holidays. When the Catholic Church made All Saints' Day on November I and All Souls' Day on November 2, it seemed a lot like Samhain to the Celtic Christians. The night before All Saints' Day-October 31-became known as "Allhallows Eve," which eventually was turned into "Halloween."

A lot of the Celtic Alihallows Eve customs seem kind of familiar today. Young people in masks-called "guisers"carved lanterns from turnips. beets, and potatoes and carried them from village to village begging for food and "soul cakes," which were sweets that were given in exchange for prayers for the dead. That's where the Halloween customs of trick-ortreating and jack-olanterns came from. Only we use pumpkins instead of turnips!

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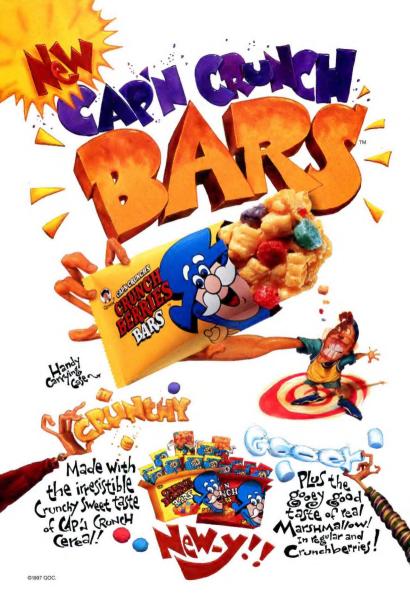
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